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SUMMARY: FINAL SESSION OF POLITICAL/LEGAL WORKING GROUP RESULTED IN COMPLETION OF PRELIMINARY POINT-BY-POINT DISUCSSION OF US AND SOVIET DRAFT CRITERIA. WHILE MANY DISAGREEMENTS REMAIN, SOVIETS DEMONSTRATED FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE ON MANY POINTS, SUGGESTING THAT THERE ARE GOOD PROSPECTS FOR DRAFTING OF MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE AT NEXT ROUND. END SUMMARY.

1. FOURTH AND FINAL SESSION OF WORKING GROUP MET JULY 27. FOLLOWING MAJOR POINTS DISCUSSED: (A) SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS: SOVIETS INSISTED THAT ARMED SUPPORT BY STATES WAS LAWFUL AND APPROPRIATE, WHILE US SIDE ARGUED THAT SUPPORT COULD NOT GO BEYOND MORAL, POLITICAL, OR HUMANITARIAN; SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCE ON THIS POINT CLEARLY REMAINS; (B) CHAPTER VII SANCTIONS: SOVIETS INDICATED THEY PROBABLY COULD ACCEPT US VIEW THAT ARMS TRANSFERS NEED NOT NECESSARILY BE PROHIBITED TO STATE SUBJECT ONLY TO ECONOMIC AND DIPLOMATIC SANCTIONS; (C) TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY: SOVIETS STATED UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT US

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REFERENCE TO LINE OF DEMARCATION, BUT INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF US OBJECTIONS TO SOVIET FORMULA PROHIBITING ALL TRANSFERS TO STATES WITH TERRITORIAL CLAIMS; (D) HUMAN RIGHTS AND SELF-DETERMINATION: US SIDE OBJECTED TO SOVIET REFERENCES TO "COLONIAL WARS" AND "OCCUPIED TERRITORIES"; SOVIETS INDICATED APPRECIATION OF US CONCERNS, AND WILLINGNESS TO WORK OUT ACCEPTABLE GENERAL FORMULA; (E) STATES

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REFUSING TO ADHERE TO ARMS CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS: SOVIETS ACKNOWLEDGED US OBJECTION TO PROHIBITION OF TRANSFERS TO SUCH STATES AND INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ADOPT LANGUAGE TO MEET US PROBLEMS; (F) SALES FOR PROFIT: SOVIETS SEEMED TO AGREE THAT NO PROHIBITION NECESSARY IF COMMERCIAL SALES SUBJECT TO CRITERIA; (G) US "POLITICAL" CRITERIA: SOVIETS SEEMED TO ACCEPT IDEA OF HAVING SUCH CRITERIA, BUT SUGGESTED PLACEMENT IN PREAMBLE OR COMBINATION WITH MILITARY/TECHNICAL CRITERIA; ON SUBSTANCE, SOVIETS OBJECTED TO PARA ON ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS (AS FAVORING "RICH COUNTRIES" LIKE SAUDI ARABIA) AND TO REFERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

2. COMMENT: SOVIETS WERE TRYING HARD TO DEMONSTRATE FLEXIBILITY AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE ALTHOUGH THEY POINTED OUT SOME POINTS OF SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCES. IF SOVIET ATTITUDE CONTINUES, AGREEMENT ON ACCEPTABLE CRITERIA IS POSSIBLE NEXT ROUND. SOVIETS MAY, HOWEVER, BE TEMPTED TO SEEK POLITICAL ADVANTAGES, PRACTICULARLY THROUGH REFERENCES TO OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. END COMMENT.
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